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SUBJECT: REPORTING TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITH BOYCOTT LAN-
GUAGE
REF: A) DAMASCUS 3820; B) DAMASCUS 1747

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR FROM FOREIGN TRADE ORGA-
NIZATION FOR CHEMICALS AND FOODSTUFFS (TAFCO) ADVERTISING
TENDER FOR HERBICIDES, INSECTICIDES, AND SIMILAR
CHEMICALS. ADVERTISING CONTAINS FOLLOWING BOYCOTT LANGUAGE:
QTE THE EXPORTER SHALL DECLARE THAT HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF
THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS BEING IN FORCE IN SYRIA, CON-
CERNING PROHIBITING OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL OR THROUGH ITS
INTERMEDIARY AND THAT HE SHALL ABIDE BY THEIR PROVISIONS
IN RESPECT OF THE SUBMITTED OFFER. UNQTE

2. EMBASSY HAS TWO QUESTIONS: A) WOULD COMPLIANCE WITH
ABOVE LANGUAGE BE LEGAL UNDER U.S. LAW? KEY PHRASE APPEARS
TO BE QTE ABIDE BY THEIR PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE
SUBMITTED OFFER UNQTE. THIS SEEMS TO PLACE LANGUAGE WITHIN
SCOPE OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF BOYCOTTING COUNTRY
EXCEPTION (369.3, A-1), EXPORT ADMINISTRATION BULLETIN, NO.
174. B) ASSUMING THAT SUCH LANGUAGE IS LEGAL, WOULD REPOR-
TING OF TRADE OPPORTUNITY CONTAINING THIS OR SIMILAR
LANGUAGE BE ACCEPTABLE?

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3. REFS ARE TWO PREVIOUS EXAMPLES OF SYRIAN BOYCOTT LAN-
GUAGE WHOSE STATUS UNDER U.S. LAW IS UNCLEAR. PLEASE PRO-
VIDE LEGAL CLARIFICATIONS (OR REASON WHY NO CLARIFICA-
TION CAN BE PROVIDED) ASAP SEELYE

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